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C.v. Act. No: 04-36-99E 0

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> 0 Appellee,

> > Motion FOR Evidentiary Weather OF DELAWARE

Comes now, the appellant, Edward Gibbs pro-se, and moves this Honorable Court for Evidentiary Hearing. Horas Ascel Free Droinsque ni dishead lait prechantes Jobge Richard Stokes Presided, Appellant was represented by proble Stinder (carole Dina) and bridgoilty by a all white Dury on 10-30-2003. Appellant was sentenced 12-19-2003 on the charge of Escape After Conviction 5.03-06-0514, to 20 years levely as a Hubit val offender. At Jentensing Appellant filed a motion foolsoff icaxote scoul ped bained can did beencos coincibot 4:188 his own Direct Appeal in the supreme Lourt 9-8-2004 and post conviction 8-11-2005 and now this pertition for Habens corpus 1-15-2007, and states that all claims were Exhausted Appellant was never afforded a Evidentiary hearing in the lover courts, See Ricky Earp V. S.w. Ornoski. 431 \$38 1158-1169 Citing Townsond, That a detendant is 24:13m xAt With word no saling in insul prointill the merits of the factual dispote were not resolved in the state hearing! 2) the state Factual determination is not fairly supported by the record as a whole: 3) Fack tinding grocedure employed by State court was not abequately to attors toll and this hearing.

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6) for any reason it Appears that state tries of fact did not afford

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- accepting or I am not pleading guilty to it, right. 1
- Second of all, she hasn't even came to see me 2
- to discuss this case. You know what I am saying? So 3
- her representation, I am not even satisfied with that. 4
- Another thing, Ms. Ryan got some transcripts 5
- from my bond review, right, and she is saying I can't 6
- get no copy of it. I don't know why I can't get a copy 7
- of it. I am saying the Rule 16 has been filed in this 8
- 9 case and there was no mention of no transcripts.
- Last week, I received a letter from 10
- 11 Ms. Dunn talking about these transcripts. If she is
- 12 going to bring them in to use against -- you know, what
- I am saying against me, I should be able to see them. 13
- MS. RYAN: There was a transcript that I had 14
- done of remarks that Mr. Gibbs made during the course 15
- 16 of his bond review when he was downstairs in the Court
- 17 of Common Pleas at preliminary hearing. It is my
- thinking that the court reporter, both in the Court of 18
- Common Pleas and the Superior Court, that is part of 19
- how they make their money. When they do their 20
- transcript, I can't make a copy. If they want to get a 21
- 22 copy, they can request a transcript themselves. I had
- 23 to pay for it.

4 I wrote a letter to Ms. Dunn alerting her 1 that I had this and she could come and review it at any 2 time, but because of its being done by a court 3 4 reporter, I couldn't just give her a copy of it. So she came over to my office and reviewed it. It is five 5 pages long. If Mr. Gibbs wants to read it, he is 6 7 welcome to read it, but I will not provide a copy of 8 it. THE COURT: All right. Do you have any 9 response to Mr. Gibbs' concerns about representation? 10 MS. DUNN: Well, Your Honor, it is true that 11 I believe I did tell him some time ago that I would 12 13 come and talk to him about his case, and that could 14 have been just before the major trial started which was 15 concluded a couple weeks ago. But I will say that we 16 have been in pretty constant communication through the 17 mail. Mr. Gibbs has been sending me information that he has researched in the law library there.

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19 that he has researched in the law library there. He

20 has very specific and strong feelings about what

21 constitutes the crime of escape after conviction. I

22 have sent him case law on the subject and we have

23 discussed the case. It is a one-count case and escape

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- 1 after conviction is the charge, and the allegation is
- 2 not returning to the Work Release Center.
- 3 THE COURT: You are obviously -- hang on a
- 4 second. You are obviously satisfied that you will be
- 5 prepared, certainly, by next Thursday? That's his
- 6 trial date.
- 7 MS. DUNN: I feel prepared to go to trial,
- 8 Your Honor. I will say that Mr. Gibbs and I have
- 9 approached this case <u>differently</u> as to the legal
- 10 definition of escape after conviction.
- 11 THE COURT: All right.
- MS. DUNN: I don't believe it has affected my
- 13 representation, however.
- 14 THE DEFENDANT: Excuse me. One more issue,
- 15 okay? She sent me this witness list, right, a few
- 16 months ago, and I filled it out and sent it to her.
- 17 She told me to send it to her ten days prior to my
- 18 trial.
- 19 I send her my list. I have three witnesses
- 20 on there that I want her to subpoena for me. She is
- 21 saying she is not going to do it. So that is a
- 22 conflict there.
- THE COURT: Well, if we are still doing this

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1 next Thursday, just be prepared to put on the record

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- 2 before we get started the efforts you have undertaken
- 3 to prepare for the case, and you can respond to the
- 4 facts that you ware not subpoening these witnesses. It.
- 5 may be your strategic position that they have nothing
- 6 to offer. It is whatever it is, and you answer that
- 7 next week.
- 8 MS. RYAN: I think that Mr. Gibbs -- the
- 9 issue that Ms. Dunn alluded to, the difference in their
- 10 approach to this, is that I don't believe that
- 11 Mr. Gibbs thinks that walking off of a violation of
- 12 probation sentence for a previous conviction
- 13 constitutes an escape after conviction. I think that
- 14 is the fundamental difference or fundamental problem
- 15 that he is having with this.
- 16 THE COURT: I sensed that.
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: No, that's not it. I have to
- 18 show you, but we don't have to get into that.
- THE COURT: We will see you next Thursday.
- 20 (Whereupon, proceedings in the above-
- 21 entitled matter were concluded.)

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1 \bigstar this to Judge Graves on October 22nd. It was a conflict with us before my trial and it was never resolved. Before we went to trial, like I said on October 22nd, Judge Graves told us to come back the 5 - following week. We came back the following week. You was the trial judge. So this was never resolved. 7 L had problems with her before in my trial. She 8 * never prepared my defense for me. We never discussed any defense, and you see what happened at trial. A She wasn't even prepared to represent me at trial. *I sent her a letter October 2nd explaining everything, 11 asking her to come and see me so we could prepare my 12 case for trial, and she never done neither. 13 14 THE COURT: Well, you were charged with 15 escape after conviction. THE DEFENDANT: Exactly. I was a 16 17 probationer. THE COURT: Escape after conviction, you 18 19 know as the charges go, is not the most difficult 20 case to show. 21 Do you have other things that you would like to say about your disagreement or your differences 22 23 with Ms. Dunn?

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1	THE DEFENDANT: Do I have other things to
2	say?
3	THE COURT: Yes.
4	THE DEFENDANT: This is my motion.
5	THE COURT: Well, I want to hear it from
6	you. If you have things you want to say about Ms.
7	Dunn, say it now.
8	THE DEFENDANT: Okay. This is my motion to
9	dismiss counsel. Carole Dunn, Paula Ryan, James
10	Adkins, Judge Graves, and also you, Judge Stokes,
11	conspired in this case to have me found guilty at
12	trial by an all-white jury.
13	Carole Dunn discussed my defense and the
14	case and the conflict with Paula Ryan, you know what
15	I'm saying. That's lawyer-client confidentiality.
16	She revealed information pertaining to my
17	representation of consultation.
18	Carole Dunn never came to see me to discuss
19	the defense or to prepare for trial. The Supreme
20	Court held that the Sixth Amendment right to counsel
21	attaches to the critical stages of a pre-trial
22	proceeding. U.S. v. Wade.

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Carole Dunn refused to subpoena witnesses

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+1 \ and present a defense for me. I sent her a letter, 2 \searrow my Exhibit A, from 6-11 to 10-22. Ms. Dunn never 3 √ came to see me. And my transcript -- see the 4 \ transcript of October 22nd. Right? I sent her a 5 \ letter, you know, like I said, asking her to come and 6 > see me, dated October 2nd. She never came to see me, you know. And right here, it's U.S. v. Wade, you 7 know, critical stages, are the points in a criminal 9 proceeding when an attorney's presence is necessary 10 to secure a defendant's right to a fair trial. I never had a fair trial. You know, she 11 didn't present -- well, almost through the trial when 12 * she told me, "Oh, now I got it," meaning she know 14 what I'm talking about. In my correspondence that was sent to her, she never took the time out to read 15 16 it or nothing. Brabley Judge Graves, he was to be the trial judge 17 on 10-22-03. Me and Carole Dunn appeared before 18 Judge Graves and I expressed that a conflict was 19 between defendant and counsel. Judge Graves stated 20 that he would look into the situation. Next week, in 21 which, you know, like I said, when we came back, you 22 23 was the judge.

T	The State Introduced sentencing orders from
2	1988 in which I had already completed the sentence.
3	I wasn't allowed to explain to the jury that
4	conviction that I had from 1986 to 1991, was the
5	conviction that I was serving, that I had served. I
6	had a 15-year sentence and my conviction was served
7	A from 1986 to 1991. So how are they going to charge
8	me with the escape after conviction? Escape after
9	conviction is Smith v. State. It's 361 A.2d 327. He
10	was serving a three-year sentence at Level 5. He
11	went out on a 48-hour furlough and he never returned.
12	That's an escape after conviction.
13	+ I was a probationer in a halfway house and
14	Work Release facility. A Level 4 probationer. I
15	sent Ms. Dunn this information. It was never
16	presented during my trial. *She never presented
17	* nothing that I sent her toward my defense.
18	The defendant will be filing the complaint
19	against Judge Stokes, Judge Graves, Paula Ryan, James
20	Adkins and Carole Dunn for violating defendant's
21	for violating the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment
22	rights. Wherefore, defendant moves that the
2.3	Honorable Court will dismiss counsel and let the

- 1 defendant proceed pro se.
- 2 Here is a copy of my letter, my exhibit that
- 3 I sent to Ms. Dunn. It's dated 10-2-03. I am
- 4 sending you the witness list, with Judge Stokes and
- 5 Cindy Murray and David Phillips names. Also enclosed
- 6 is a portion of some research that I've done on my
- 7 case to prove this escape is a third degree.
- I sent you a letter 9-26-03, and you still
- 9 failed to respond to me. I'm asking you in a
- 10 professional manner to please come see me before my
- 11 case review, the 22nd. As you know, my trial is the
- 12 30th and Paula Ryan isn't offering me a plea and
- she's seeking the habitual. I'm going to close for
- 14 now. I'll await your response.
- 15 A I never got a response.
- 16 THE COURT: Is there anything else you would
- 17 like to say, sir?
- THE DEFENDANT: First, let me state for the
- 19 record I filed a motion to dismiss counsel 12-1-03.
- 20 I wasn't satisfied with her representation of my case
- 21 <u>on 10-22-03</u>. ★ I informed Judge Graves that it was a
- 22 conflict between Ms. Dunn and me. *I don't want her
- on my appeal. \bigstar I'll be filing for an ineffective

1	assistance of counsel against her. The evidence
2	presented at trial didn't prove the charge of escape
3	after conviction.
4	Under Title 11, 301, you have to prove
5	beyond a reasonable doubt each element of the
6	offense. They want to use a status sheet from 12 to
7	14 years ago that I pled guilty to and charged, that
8	I served a five-year sentence from 1988 to 1991 and
9	was released to probation. Virgil Sudler was an
10	inmate over in Work Release. He was serving a Level
11	5 sentence over in a Level 4 facility. He went on
12	escape. The State allowed him to plead guilty to
13	third-degree escape. They gave him 30 days Level 5.
14	Like I said, I was a probationer. Okay. The
15	was serving a Level 5 sentence. Okay?
16	THE COURT: You have an escape third degree.
17	With your background, you could do 30 days of (k) .
18	THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Now, can I proceed?
19	Okay. I was a probationer just as Greg Foreman. He
20	thad four escapes. He was charged with second-degree
21	escape after conviction and he got six months at
22	Level 5, released. He was charged with second-degree
23	escape after conviction, picked up a charge July 4th.

1 THE COURT: I am asking you a straight 2 question, is there anything else you want to say 3 about Ms. Dunn? THE DEFENDANT: No, I'm not saying nothing. 4 5 Step aside just for a minute. 6 Now, Ms. Dunn, he has made some serious accusations 7 about you. 8 MS. DUNN: Yes, he has, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: Can you respond to them, please? 10 WS DUNN Well, Your Honor, this is a 11 sentencing hearing. Is this an appropriate forum? 12 THE COURT: You had better believe it is 13 appropriate. 14 MS. DUNN: I have a list, Your Honor, of the meetings and the work that I've done on this case. I 15 can tell the Court that Mr. Gibbs had an initial 16 17 intake interview not with me, but with our 18 investigator back in June. He waived his preliminary 19 hearing on the 18th, and during which he spoke to Mr. Moore of our office about his case. He received 20 21 a client letter that I normally send out to the new 22 clients, on June 19th. Actually, that was sent on

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June 23rd. Excuse me.

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1 I received my first letter from him on June 2 I responded to his June 19th letter, enclosing 3 the escape after conviction statute which explains 4 the elements of that statute, that offense. included in there the entire habitual offender statute, noticing, as I reviewed his record, that 6 that might be a possibility down the line in this 7 case. I sent that out on July 2nd of this past year. 8 9 I then received two letters from him, one 10 dated July 9, and one dated July 16. I had a video 11 meeting with him from my office. He was at SCI on 1.2 July 24. That's Mosting I had another letter from him dated that same day. I responded to three 13 14 prior letters the following day, July 25. 15 responded to his letters of June 30, July 9, and July 16 These letters and my video meeting 17 questions -- I was following up on. I sent him 18 information. I sent him a copy of our Rule 16 discovery requests. I sent him a copy of the Smith 19 20 and the Flamer cases. I sent him a copy on that 21 date, July 25th, of the witness form to request that he send back to me any names that he wants subpoenaed 22

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as wit<u>ness</u>es.

1	Because it is my practice I don't speak
2	for all attorneys, but I need to know what those
3	witnesses are going to say. So I prefer to have
4	those witnesses interviewed by an investigator of my
5	office and not talk directly to those witnesses,
6	since I don't want to involve myself in that process.
7	THE COURT: That is a recognized technique.
8	Because if a lawyer speaks to a witness and it is
9	just a lawyer and a witness, if it is going to be a
10	contradiction on what the witness stated, then a
11	lawyer would have to become a witness and not an
12	advocate. So it is recognized among trial lawyers
1.3	that it is desirable to have a third party take
14	witness statements, and that has been well recognized
15	for a long time.
16	MS. DUNN: And I'll continue, Your Honor.
17	On July 31st I received a letter request from
18	Mr. Gibbs for a bill of particulars. I also received
19	a letter on August 13th requesting that we put in a
20	motion to dismiss. We had case review on September
21	2nd and I met with him on that date in Superior
22	Court. That's a meeting, Personal or
23	a face-to-face meeting.

BOND REVIEL

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR SUSSEX COUNTY

THE STATE OF DELAWARE

WAIVER OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

WAIVER OF INDICTMENT

vs.

BO G. 665.

I.D.#

The above-named defendant, being advised of the nature of the charge or charges and knowing his rights, hereby waives, in open court and/or by written pleading, the preliminary hearing and prosecution by indictment; and consents that the proceeding may be by information instead of indictment. In addition to Rule 16 discovery, the state shall provide copies of the police reports to the defense.

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COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT

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cc: Department of Justice

Attorney Defendant on Escopo 3 dans 30 days 4204 R? misdemeanor escape, and my July 25, 2003 letter to him confirms that fact. (Exhibit 5). Unfortunately, we were unable throughout the pendency of this case and negotiations with the prosecutor, which continued through the final case review, to achieve that result. Defendant never received a plea offer to anything less than Escape After Conviction.

Affiant asserts that the only "meaningful defense at trial" to defendant would have been a defense composed of "information" he sent to me asserting that the facts of his case and case law proved that he could be charged with and convicted of <u>no more than</u> Escape in the third degree. Defendant's legal interpretations and arguments for defense are contained in a mailing which I received on October 8, 2003, appended as Exhibit 18 hereto.

As mentioned earlier, after my research into the case law, and after seeking clarifications from the prosecutor's office as regards their policies affecting their charging under the escape law, I simply could find no legal support for defendant's interpretation; and, therefore, could not ethically advance a defense at trial known to be contrary to prevailing Delaware law, involving legal assertions that could not be made in the jury's presence, and proposing legal theories that the trial Judge had previously ruled (at pre-trial argument on motion to dismiss) were unsustainable and precluded under Delaware law.

Although I seriously considered and researched the interpretation and issues suggested by defendant as regards his defense, affiant states that her legal conclusion that such a defense was untenable was based on objective evaluation as regards the legal merit of the proposed argument.

That conclusion, however, does not mean that adversarial testing of the State's case was not

The October 30, 2003 trial transcript can be consulted for the cross examination which took place of all the State's witnesses, objections that were made by affiant during the trial and motions

zealously pursued, or that advocacy on behalf of defendant at trial was deficient.

